

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated July 5, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 9, 11, 16, 24, 26, 31, 29 and 41 have been amended. Claims 8, 10, 23, 25, 38, 40 and 46-50 have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 13-21, 23-26, 28-36, 39, 41 and 43-45 are pending in the application, with claims 9-10, 24-25 and 39-40 acknowledged as allowed.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 16 and 31 to include the language of claims 8 and 10, claims 23 and 25, and claims 38 and 40, respectively. The dependency of claims 11, 26 and 41 have been amended in view of the above amendments.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

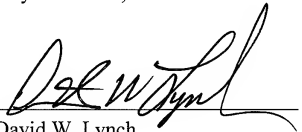
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